

# FIRST AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES LIMITED

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Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance Office of International Corporate Finance 450 Fifth Street WASHINGTON DC 20549 USA



Gentlemen:

#### **EXEMPTION NUMBER 82-3494**

To continue the exemption of our securities from Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("the Act") and in accordance with Rule 12g-3-2(b)(iii) under the Act, we enclose announcements which information we have sent to The Australian Stock Exchange (Perth) Ltd, the only Stock Exchange on which, to our knowledge, our Company's securities are traded, and which was made public by the Exchange with which we filed.

The information is being furnished under Rule 12g-3-2(b)(iii), with the understanding that such information will not be deemed "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Act, and that neither this letter not the furnishing of such information shall constitute and admission for any purpose that this Company is subject to the Act.

Yours faithfully,

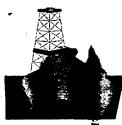
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#### ASX ANNOUNCEMENT AND MEDIA RELEASE

#### **ACTIVITY UPDATE**

### Welder Ranch Gas Project, Victoria County, Texas (FAR 9%)

The Vaquero #2 well, the second well in FAR's Welder Ranch program is presently drilling ahead below 6,000 feet using Nabors Drilling Land Rig 520 after running 13 3/8 inch surface casing to 2,500 feet.

The Welder Ranch Vaquero #2 is an offset to the recently drilled Esenjay Bell #4 (in which FAR has no interest) which lies approximately 1,200 feet to the north. The Vaquero #2 well will test for Deep Wilcox gas objectives and has a planned total depth of approximately 17,000 feet. Drilling duration of the #2 well is approximately 45 days on a trouble free basis.

A completion rig has arrived on the Welder Ranch Vaquero #1 well location to evaluate and test several zones of interest between 9,000 and 14,000. Completion attempts will first be made in certain of the deeper geopressured sands evident on well logs, which, if productive, may require fracture stimulation.

The results of testing will be made available at the end of the program. Until the results of production testing are known it is not possible to determine the potential of the Vaquero #1 well.

The Vaquero #1 and #2 wells are located on an area of mutual interest comprising 1,000 acres of the Welder Ranch lease, in Victoria County, South Texas.

Under the terms of the agreement FAR will pay 9 percent of the drilling and completion cost of the Vaquero #2 well to earn a 9 percent working interest.

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